# Charter Boat Catch and Effort from the Michigan Waters of the Great Lakes, 2002 

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## Introduction

Michigan's charter boat industry increased from 250 operations in 1979 to nearly 900 in 1989. Since the late 1980 s, the number of charter boats used for sport fishing excursions on Michigan's Great Lakes waters has declined to approximately 500 . The charter fishing industry provides Michigan with significant economic benefits. For example, 239,000 clients spent an estimated $\$ 21$ million in addition to charter fees in 1985, and the total statewide investment by charter boat firms in the same year was estimated to exceed $\$ 30$ million.

Reporting of sport catch and effort by the charter fishing industry is required under Public Act 451 (Part 445) of 1994. Similar legislation was first enacted during 1989 (Act 22, Public Acts of 1989), and was supported by both the Michigan Charter Boat Association (MCBA), an industry representative, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Among other provisions, the law includes stringent penalties for charter fishing operators who are delinquent by more than 60 days with their catch reports. Also, the law requires that all operators maintain on board an up to date daily $\log$ of their catch and fishing activity.

The objective of the catch reporting system is to obtain a continuous annual record of fishing effort and the number, type, and location of fish harvested by charter boat anglers in Michigan. These data have assisted MDNR's Great Lakes fishery management efforts by providing valuable trend information about charter harvest and catch rates, which reflect the status of fish stocks important to the industry. The data also allows MCBA to monitor the health and welfare of its industry.

## Methods

The Michigan Charter Boat Daily Catch Report form was developed in 1989 by a committee made up of two members each from MDNR and MCBA. Forms and grid maps of the Great Lakes were mailed to all known charter operators during March 2002. Charter operators were identified from previous years' lists of
reporting operators and from Sport Trolling Licenses obtained from MDNR's Law Enforcement Division. Charter operators who used their vessels for fishing were informed that they are required by law to complete the form each time they fished. A form is to be mailed by the tenth of each month following the month of fishing to MDNR's Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station.

The data form requires the following information: an assigned identification number for each charter boat, lake, date fished, port, grid, hours fished, number of resident and nonresident anglers, catch (number) of major species, and number of sea lamprey seen attached to chinook salmon or lake trout. Space is also provided on the form for comments or observations.

Completed data forms returned to Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station were logged, coded by port fished, and entered into the program database. Incomplete forms were logged and returned to the charter operator with a letter explaining why the report was returned.

The majority of charter fishermen operate during April through October. Each month (June through October), postcard notices were sent to charter operators who had not filed a report for the previous month. Two notices were sent each month, the first after an operator was delinquent for 10 days and the second after 30 days.

In January 2003, operators who had not filed reports for two or more months during the period May through September were sent letters via certified mail. These letters informed the operator that this would be the last notice he or she would receive. If the recipient did not respond in writing within 10 days of receipt of this notice, his or her name could be submitted to MDNR's Law Enforcement Division, recommending non-issuance of an inspection certificate for the 2003 season.

Three measures of fishing effort were summarized: angler hours, angler trips, and charter excursions. Angler hours were based upon total hours fished (dock to dock) by each angler. An angler trip was one completed fishing outing by one individual. A charter excursion
was one completed boat trip. For example, if a charter operator took four anglers fishing for six hours, total fishing effort would be 24 angler hours, four angler trips, and one charter excursion.

Data regarding number of sea lamprey observed by charter operators were collected at request of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Sea Lamprey Control Station at Marquette, Michigan. These data are used by USFWS as an index of sea lamprey abundance.

## Results

## Compliance

During the 2002 fishing season, an average of $62 \%$ of all charter boat operators complied with the law by submitting their catch reports on time, while $77 \%$ submitted reports within 30 days of the due date. Monthly rate of compliance in 2002 was slightly less than in 2001. By the end of $2002,93 \%$ of all charter operators had complied with the law, which was four percent less than in 2001.

## Fishing effort

Charter operators submitted reports on 17,437 charter excursions during April through October, 2002 on Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie, Superior and St. Clair (Tables 1 through 5). The St. Clair data include Lake St. Clair, the St. Clair River and the Detroit River systems. The total number of charter excursions in 2002 increased slightly ( $+3 \%$ ) compared to 2001 (Table 6). Most of this increase occurred on Lake Michigan; the number of excursions on Lakes Erie, Superior, and St. Clair decreased slightly, compared to 2001. The St. Clair system had the largest change ( $-18 \%$ ) in the number of charter excursions compared to 2001. The distribution of charter fishing excursions in 2002 by lake was: $68 \%$ Lake Michigan, $17 \%$ Lake Huron, $11 \%$ Lake Erie, 2\% Lake Superior, and 2\% Lake St. Clair. This distribution was very similar to previous years.

A total of 448,124 hours were spent fishing by 75,716 charter anglers in Michigan's waters and tributaries of the Great Lakes (Tables 1 through 5). The total number of charter anglers
in 2002 did not change significantly, compared to 2001. Twenty-five percent of all charter clients were not residents of Michigan. Lake Superior charter operators had the greatest percentage of nonresident clients (46\%; Table 4), while Lake Huron charter captains had the lowest percentage ( $12 \%$; Table 2).

## Catch

A total of about 230,000 fish were reported harvested in all lakes (Tables 1 through 5). Lake Michigan accounted for $45 \%$ of all fish harvested, while lakes Erie and Huron accounted for $37 \%$ and $10 \%$, respectively. The most numerous species in the harvest was yellow perch $(68,544)$, which accounted for $30 \%$ of the total harvest. Numbers of other species harvested were: 61,723 chinook salmon ( $27 \%$ ), 40,392 walleye ( $18 \%$ ), 22,498 lake trout ( $10 \%$ ), 17,321 coho salmon (8\%), 11,707 rainbow trout (5\%), and 2,565 brown trout ( $1 \%$ ). The "other" species category accounted for the remainder of the catch. Since other species are not identified on the catch reporting form, the actual composition of this category is unknown.

The overall numbers of salmonines harvested from Michigan's Great Lakes waters increased by over 18,000 fish ( $+19 \%$ ) from 2001 to 2002. The harvest of coho salmon ( $+54 \%$ ), chinook salmon ( $+43 \%$ ), and brown trout $(+31 \%)$ increased as compared to the previous year, while the number of rainbow trout ( $-19 \%$ ) and lake trout ( $-16 \%$ ) harvested decreased. Increased harvest of coho salmon, chinook salmon and brown trout occurred in both Lakes Michigan and Huron, but the decline in lake trout harvest occurred only in Lake Michigan (4,323 fish or -29\%). In Lake Huron, lake trout harvest increased (+629 fish or $+9 \%$ ) from 2001 to 2002 .

On the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes, the number of walleye harvested decreased $20 \%$, while the number of yellow perch harvested in 2002 increased $40 \%$ compared to 2001. The majority of walleye harvested by charter anglers in the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes come from Lake Erie, and the Lake Erie walleye harvest decreased $18 \%$ in 2002 compared to 2001, whereas walleye harvest from the St. Clair
system declined by $53 \%$. Seventy percent of the total yellow perch harvest during 2002 came from Lake Erie, while $15 \%$ came from Lake Michigan and $14 \%$ came from the St. Clair system. The harvest of yellow perch increased in Lake Erie ( $+62 \%$ ) and the St. Clair system ( $+55 \%$ ), but decreased ( $-8 \%$ ) in Lake Michigan during 2002, as compared to the previous year.

## Catch rates

Most charter excursions that took place on Michigan's Great Lakes waters during 2002 were aimed at the various species of salmonines. Catch rates (fish per 100 angler hours) by Lake Michigan charter anglers increased in 2002 as compared to 2001 for coho salmon ( $+43 \%$ ), chinook salmon ( $+39 \%$ ), and brown trout $(+17 \%)$, whereas rates for rainbow trout ( $-23 \%$ ) and lake trout ( $-31 \%$ ) decreased (Table 7). The catch rate reported in 2002 for chinook salmon on Lake Michigan was the greatest recorded in the 13 year (1990-2002) data series.

On Lake Huron, catch rates for coho salmon $(+320 \%)$, chinook salmon ( $+48 \%$ ), brown trout $(+100 \%)$, and lake trout ( $+14 \%$ ) all increased in 2002 compared to 2001, while the rates for rainbow trout declined ( $-6 \%$ ) as compared to 2001. The catch rate reported in 2002 for coho salmon on Lake Huron (2.1 fish per 100 angler hours) was the greatest recorded in the 19902002 data series.

Lake trout are the most important salmonine in the charter catch from Lake Superior. Catch rates for lake trout on Lake Superior during 2002 declined slightly ( $-8 \%$ ), as compared with 2001. Other salmonine species (such as coho and chinook salmon) do not occur in significant numbers in the Lake Superior charter catch.

Walleye and yellow perch typically play an important role in charter fisheries on Lakes Erie, Huron, and St. Clair. Catch rates for walleye by charter anglers declined on Lake Huron (-23\%), on the St. Clair system ( $-43 \%$ ), and on Lake Erie (-14\%) during 2002, as compared to 2001 (Table 8). Catch rates for yellow perch on Lake Erie and on the St. Clair system increased significantly during 2002, as compared to 2001. Lake Erie catch rate increased by $70 \%$ ( 58 to 98 fish per 100 angler hours), whereas St. Clair
catch rate increased by $88 \%$ ( 55 to 104 fish per 100 angler hours). Yellow perch were a minor component of the Lake Huron charter fishery in 2002.

Many charter captains consider the mixed bag catch rate of the five species of salmon and trout as their measure of a successful charter excursion. The total catch per charter excursion for all five species of salmonines combined in 2002 increased at the Lake Michigan ports of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, Ludington, Manistee, Frankfort / Elberta, and Leland, whereas mixed bag catch rate at Grand Haven remained unchanged (Table 9). Mixed bag catch rate increased at all five selected Lake Huron ports in 2002, with the largest increase ( $+41 \%$ ) occurring at Oscoda (Table 9). On Lake Superior, salmonine catch rates increased at Marquette ( $+27 \%$ ), but declined slightly at Black River Harbor ( $-7 \%$ ) and Ontonagon (-6\%; Table 9).

Numbers of sea lamprey attached to chinook salmon and lake trout have generally been higher on Lake Huron than on the other Great Lakes (Table 10). However, numbers of sea lamprey attached per 100 lake trout harvested from Lake Huron in 2002 were 1.5, as compared to 2.2 for Lake Michigan and 0.4 for Lake Superior. Charter captains also reported 4.2 lamprey per 100 chinook salmon harvested on Lake Huron during 2002 as compared to 0.8 for Lake Michigan and 0.0 for Lake Superior. In 2002, sea lamprey incidence on Lake Michigan was the highest yet recorded for both chinook salmon and lake trout.

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Table 1.-Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Michigan, 2002.

| Species | Total catch per hour | Total catch per excursion | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  | Season |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.050 | 1.316 | 1,017 | 2,278 | 2,462 | 1,267 | 5,649 | 2,984 | 32 | 15,689 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.161 | 4.244 | 141 | 5,498 | 4,656 | 11,280 | 21,564 | 7,319 | 147 | 50,605 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.034 | 0.893 | 265 | 505 | 2,331 | 4,738 | 2,170 | 362 | 277 | 10,648 |
| Brown trout | 0.007 | 0.194 | 929 | 606 | 126 | 285 | 308 | 52 | 2 | 2,308 |
| Lake trout | 0.034 | 0.885 | 23 | 1,330 | 2,712 | 3,363 | 2,978 | 141 | 0 | 10,547 |
| Yellow perch | 0.033 | 0.862 | 261 | 595 | 2,388 | 2,609 | 3,071 | 1,313 | 46 | 10,283 |
| Walleye | 0.005 | 0.139 | 3 | 190 | 368 | 235 | 316 | 227 | 320 | 1,659 |
| Other | 0.002 | 0.059 | 13 | 445 | 28 | 109 | 45 | 51 | 11 | 702 |
| Lamprey on: Chinook salmon Lake trout |  |  | 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 59 \\ & 21 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 69 \\ & 69 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 104 \\ 64 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 149 \\ 73 \end{array}$ | 22 1 | 2 0 | $\begin{aligned} & 405 \\ & 228 \end{aligned}$ |
| Angler hours |  |  | 7,624 | 29,831 | 46,130 | 78,644 | 109,552 | 36,939 | 4,812 | 313,531 |
| Angler trips |  |  | 1,223 | 4,912 | 7,447 | 13,079 | 18,223 | 6,456 | 698 | 52,038 |
| Anglers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resident |  |  | 821 | 3,301 | 5,211 | 9,315 | 13,217 | 4,733 | 297 | 36,895 |
|  |  |  | 402 | 1,611 | 2,239 | 3,764 | 5,006 | 1,723 | 401 | 15,146 |
| Charter excursions |  |  | 251 | 1,067 | 1,632 | 2,926 | 4,263 | 1,569 | 216 | 11,924 |

Table 2.-Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Huron, 2002.

| Species | Total catch per hour | Total catch per excursion | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  | Season |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.021 | 0.450 | 16 | 173 | 309 | 378 | 333 | 75 | 10 | 1,294 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.182 | 3.848 | 34 | 784 | 1,133 | 3,256 | 4,753 | 1,059 | 41 | 11,060 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.016 | 0.342 | 73 | 64 | 197 | 367 | 224 | 49 | 8 | 982 |
| Brown trout | 0.004 | 0.088 | 15 | 9 | 33 | 93 | 86 | 16 | 0 | 252 |
| Lake trout | 0.127 | 2.686 | 5 | 686 | 2,622 | 1,957 | 2,285 | 166 | 0 | 7,721 |
| Yellow perch | 0.009 | 0.181 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 111 | 61 | 345 | 0 | 519 |
| Walleye | 0.023 | 0.477 | 0 | 37 | 240 | 800 | 291 | 3 | 0 | 1,371 |
| Other | 0.011 | 0.233 | 0 | 9 | 277 | 315 | 46 | 22 | 0 | 669 |
| Lamprey on: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chinook salmon |  |  | 1 | 33 | 83 | 182 | 149 | 19 | 0 | 467 |
| Lake trout |  |  | 0 | 15 | 45 | 26 | 26 | 1 | 0 | 113 |
| Angler hours |  |  | 965 | 5,000 | 10,658 | 18,727 | 20,076 | 5,232 | 216 | 60,873 |
| Angler trips |  |  | 141 | 889 | 1,863 | 3,284 | 3,543 | 969 | 42 | 10,731 |
| Anglers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resident |  |  | 131 | 844 | 1,702 | 2,803 | 3,116 | 810 | 35 | 9,441 |
| Nonresident |  |  | 10 | 45 | 161 | 483 | 427 | 159 | 7 | 1,292 |
| Charter excursions |  |  | 53 | 227 | 501 | 872 | 950 | 255 | 16 | 2,874 |

Table 3.-Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Erie, 2002.

| Species | Total catch per hour | Total catch per excursion | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  | Season |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.001 | 0.020 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 37 |
| Brown trout | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake trout | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yellow perch | 0.979 | 25.825 | 1 | 187 | 1,432 | 726 | 16,346 | 24,086 | 5,076 | 47,854 |
| Walleye | 0.740 | 19.512 | 187 | 3,424 | 21,415 | 9,903 | 480 | 746 | 0 | 36,155 |
| Other | 0.024 | 0.625 | 1 | 334 | 538 | 179 | 37 | 28 | 42 | 1,159 |
| Lamprey on: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chinook salmon |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake trout |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Angler hours |  |  | 351 | 5,983 | 22,840 | 11,291 | 3,392 | 4,304 | 713 | 48,873 |
| Angler trips |  |  | 46 | 1,046 | 4,410 | 2,128 | 649 | 864 | 151 | 9,294 |
| Anglers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resident |  |  | 24 | 939 | 3,913 | 1,826 | 560 | 717 | 130 | 8,109 |
| Nonresident |  |  | 22 | 107 | 497 | 302 | 89 | 147 | 21 | 1,185 |
| Charter excursions |  |  | 16 | 229 | 857 | 422 | 131 | 169 | 29 | 1,853 |

Table 4.-Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on Lake Superior, 2002.

| Species | Total catch per hour | Total catch per excursion | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  | Season |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.022 | 0.784 | 0 | 25 | 180 | 79 | 31 | 21 | 1 | 337 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.004 | 0.135 | 0 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 16 | 7 | 0 | 58 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.003 | 0.093 | 0 | 3 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 40 |
| Brown trout | 0.000 | 0.012 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| Lake trout | 0.276 | 9.837 | 0 | 126 | 974 | 1,427 | 1,279 | 420 | 4 | 4,230 |
| Yellow perch | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Walleye | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lamprey on: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chinook salmon |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake trout |  |  | 0 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Angler hours |  |  | 0 | 453 | 3,917 | 5,110 | 4,432 | 1,394 | 15 | 15,320 |
| Angler trips |  |  | 0 | 67 | 507 | 680 | 637 | 210 | 3 | 2,104 |
| Anglers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resident |  |  | 0 | 38 | 264 | 341 | 351 | 131 | 2 | 1,127 |
| Nonresident |  |  | 0 | 29 | 243 | 339 | 286 | 79 | 1 | 977 |
| Charter excursions |  |  | 0 | 17 | 92 | 141 | 131 | 47 | 2 | 430 |

Table 5.-Total catch per hour, catch per excursion, number caught, and fishing effort (angler hours, trips, and charter excursions) for charter boats on the St. Clair system (Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, and the Detroit River), 2002.

| Species | Total catch per hour | Total catch per excursion | Month |  |  |  |  |  |  | Season |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown trout | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake trout | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Yellow perch | 1.038 | 27.775 | 0 | 26 | 836 | 1,870 | 1,923 | 3,250 | 1,983 | 9,888 |
| Walleye | 0.127 | 3.390 | 275 | 135 | 185 | 195 | 401 | 16 | 0 | 1,207 |
| Other | 0.277 | 7.404 | 1 | 41 | 460 | 997 | 780 | 309 | 48 | 2,636 |
| Lamprey on: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Chinook salmon |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake trout |  |  | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Angler hours |  |  | 540 | 366 | 1,426 | 2,275 | 2,383 | 1,711 | 826 | 9,527 |
| Angler trips |  |  | 90 | 75 | 237 | 360 | 370 | 263 | 136 | 1,531 |
| Anglers |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Resident |  |  | 54 | 30 | 186 | 281 | 286 | 250 | 125 | 1,212 |
| Nonresident |  |  | 36 | 47 | 51 | 79 | 90 | 18 | 11 | 332 |
| Charter excursions |  |  | 26 | 17 | 52 | 81 | 89 | 59 | 32 | 356 |

Table 6.-Number of charter excursions on the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes, 1990-2002.

|  | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Lake | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Michigan | 13,467 | 13,604 | 10,995 | 10,298 | 10,116 | 9,996 | 10,344 | 10,627 | 12,333 | 11,382 | 11,714 | 11,224 | 11,924 |
| Huron | 4,010 | 3,442 | 2,521 | 2,307 | 2,182 | 2,599 | 2,592 | 2,684 | 3,210 | 3,123 | 2,760 | 2,867 | 2,874 |
| Erie | 1,684 | 1,445 | 1,679 | 1,881 | 1,661 | 1,781 | 1,775 | 1,727 | 1,679 | 2,380 | 1,836 | 1,947 | 1,853 |
| Superior | 755 | 791 | 743 | 618 | 455 | 515 | 524 | 497 | 517 | 607 | 482 | 477 | 430 |
| St. Clair | 779 | 643 | 509 | 414 | 299 | 336 | 407 | 394 | 432 | 389 | 348 | 433 | 356 |
| Total | 20,695 | 19,925 | 16,447 | 15,518 | 14,713 | 15,227 | 15,642 | 15,929 | 18,171 | 17,881 | 17,140 | 16,948 | 17,437 |

Table 7.-Catch rates (fish per 100 angler hours) by charter anglers for salmonines on Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior during 1990-2002.

| Species | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 |
| Michigan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coho salmon | 3.9 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 5.7 | 3.5 | 5.0 |
| Chinook salmon | 7.4 | 7.0 | 4.9 | 4.0 | 4.0 | 5.0 | 9.0 | 9.6 | 8.1 | 8.9 | 12.4 | 11.6 | 16.1 |
| Rainbow trout | 4.0 | 7.2 | 6.5 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 3.0 | 6.3 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 3.4 |
| Brown trout | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 |
| Lake trout | 8.4 | 8.7 | 7.6 | 9.7 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 7.5 | 7.2 | 9.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 4.9 | 3.4 |
| Huron |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coho salmon | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 2.1 |
| Chinook salmon | 6.0 | 6.4 | 6.4 | 7.2 | 8.3 | 11.7 | 11.8 | 18.5 | 16.1 | 15.7 | 12.1 | 12.3 | 18.2 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.6 |
| Brown trout | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.9 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 |
| Lake trout | 9.8 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 4.3 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 9.4 | 9.8 | 12.6 | 11.7 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 12.7 |
| Superior |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Coho salmon | 1.2 | 3.2 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 2.3 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 2.2 |
| Chinook salmon | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 |
| Rainbow trout | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Brown trout | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | <0.1 | $<0.1$ | 0.1 | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | $<0.1$ | 0.1 | $<0.1$ |
| Lake trout | 28.5 | 27.9 | 25.5 | 28.2 | 25.3 | 26.2 | 28.5 | 26.9 | 25.2 | 26.3 | 27.2 | 30.1 | 27.6 |

Table 8.-Catch rates (fish per 100 angler hours) by charter anglers for yellow perch and walleye on Lakes Huron, St. Clair and Erie during 1990-2002.

| Species | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 00 | 01 | 02 |
| Huron |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow perch | 9.2 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 4.0 | 4.9 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 2.5 | 8.4 | 3.9 | 2.8 | 0.9 |
| Walleye | 5.1 | 7.1 | 6.7 | 7.4 | 6.7 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 3.0 | 2.3 |
| St. Clair |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow perch | 13.8 | 16.8 | 15.1 | 40.4 | 85.5 | 66.9 | 100.3 | 103.3 | 42.9 | 41.3 | 48.3 | 55.1 | 103.8 |
| Walleye | 32.4 | 20.4 | 12.5 | 18.4 | 12.3 | 15.5 | 12.3 | 13.1 | 16.1 | 16.3 | 7.2 | 22.2 | 12.7 |
| Erie |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yellow perch | 29.4 | 34.1 | 43.3 | 43.9 | 28.7 | 51.7 | 78.4 | 74.6 | 70.4 | 67.2 | 53.5 | 57.7 | 97.9 |
| Walleye | 74.5 | 62.8 | 78.5 | 81.4 | 69.6 | 82.4 | 82.2 | 83.9 | 106.7 | 80.0 | 82.9 | 85.9 | 74.0 |

Table 9-.Total catch per excursion (number of fish, for all salmonines combined) by charter anglers at various ports on lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior 1990-2002.

| Port | Year |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 |
| Lake Michigan |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| St. Joseph/Benton Harbor | 7.3 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.3 | 7.0 | 10.3 | 7.4 | 8.9 |
| Grand Haven | 5.0 | 5.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 6.1 | 6.7 | 6.7 | 5.3 | 7.8 | 6.6 | 6.5 |
| Ludington | 9.3 | 11.1 | 8.4 | 8.8 | 7.4 | 7.2 | 10.8 | 8.4 | 8.1 | 8.8 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.3 |
| Manistee | 6.2 | 8.0 | 5.7 | 6.2 | 5.8 | 6.9 | 10.3 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 6.8 | 9.2 |
| Frankfort/Elberta | 7.1 | 7.5 | 5.8 | 6.6 | 6.2 | 6.7 | 8.8 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| Leland | 7.2 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 8.6 | 9.4 | 9.1 | 8.1 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 6.2 | 7.1 |
| Lake Huron |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rogers City | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 8.2 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 4.1 |
| Alpena | 3.4 | 3.5 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 8.1 |
| Oscoda | 4.0 | 4.0 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 7.1 | 7.1 | 7.0 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 6.5 |
| Grindstone City | 5.6 | 6.1 | 5.9 | 4.7 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 10.7 | 10.1 | 10.6 | 9.4 | 12.3 |
| Harbor Beach | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 7.1 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 7.2 |
| Lake Superior |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Marquette | 10.9 | 10.9 | 11.4 | 10.9 | 8.3 | 11.2 | 13.0 | 11.9 | 7.0 | 10.4 | 11.5 | 8.9 | 11.3 |
| Ontonagon | 12.5 | 11.5 | 14.1 | 14.0 | 10.1 | 11.1 | 15.9 | 11.9 | 13.7 | 14.8 | 13.2 | 14.5 | 13.7 |
| Black River Harbor | 12.0 | 12.9 | 10.6 | 13.5 | 14.1 | 12.6 | 14.0 | 13.1 | 10.7 | 13.6 | 12.3 | 15.9 | 14.8 |

Table 10.-Sea lamprey incidence (lamprey per 100 fish) for chinook salmon and lake trout harvested by the charter fishery in the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes, 1990-2002.

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Species/Year | Michigan | Lake |  |
|  |  | Huron | Superior |
| Chinook salmon | 0.5 |  |  |
| 1990 | 0.3 | 18.6 | 0.0 |
| 1991 | 0.2 | 13.9 | 8.0 |
| 1992 | 0.1 | 13.6 | 0.0 |
| 1993 | 0.3 | 7.6 | 0.0 |
| 1994 | 0.3 | 7.1 | 0.0 |
| 1995 | 0.1 | 6.2 | 3.0 |
| 1996 | 0.2 | 3.9 | 0.0 |
| 1997 | 0.4 | 4.7 | 0.0 |
| 1998 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 0.0 |
| 1999 | 0.4 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| 2000 | 0.5 | 7.3 | 1.1 |
| 2001 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 0.0 |
| 2002 |  | 4.2 | 0.0 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Lake trout | 1.8 | 6.6 | 1.8 |
| 1990 | 1.2 | 5.7 | 1.6 |
| 1991 | 0.8 | 4.6 | 0.8 |
| 1992 | 0.6 | 2.1 | 0.5 |
| 1993 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 1.1 |
| 1994 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 0.7 |
| 1995 | 0.7 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| 1996 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 0.6 |
| 1997 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.5 |
| 1998 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.5 |
| 1999 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 0.4 |
| 2000 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 0.7 |
| 2001 | 2.2 | 1.5 | 0.4 |
| 2002 |  |  |  |

